**American Government**

**Test – The Executive Branch and Elections**

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***Terms:***

***electoral college***

***balance the ticket***

***platform***

***presidential succession***

***swing voters***

***executive privilege***

***pardon***

***reprieve***

***treaty***

***commutation***

***amnesty***

***bureaucracy***

***civil service***

***domestic affairs***

***foreign policy***

***visa***

***containment***

***espionage***

***terrorism***

***closed primary***

***hard money***

***nomination***

***nonpartisan election***

***open primary***

***soft money***

***blanket primary***

***Main Ideas:***

***1. What are the formal qualifications for the presidency?***

***2. What are the number of years a president may serve?***

***3. What does the 25th amendment deal with?***

***4. How are presidential electors chosen?***

***5. What is a major flaw in the electoral college system?***

***6. Which federal workers does the president appoint?***

***7. What Supreme Court case recognized executive privilege?***

***8. Who must approve treaties?***

***9. When a President points out constitutional or other problems while***

***approving a bill – what is this called?***

***10. What are the name given to agencies charged with regulating business***

***activities?***

***11. What is the role of the Executive Office of the President?***

***12. With whom does the President consult in foreign affairs?***

***13. Who may reject a President’s Cabinet choice?***

***14. Why were certain independent agencies established outside Cabinet***

***departments?***

***15. Who has ultimate authority over military decisions?***

***16. Which organ of the United Nations bears the major responsibility for***

***maintaining international peace?***

***17. What event was most important in moving the policies of the U.S. from***

***isolationism to internationalism?***

***18. Who heads up each military branch?***

***19. What is NATO increasingly focused on today?***

***20. What is a caucus, primary, convention?***

***21. What is the principal method of nominating today?***

***22. Who is in charge of election law in the U.S.***

***23. What is the largest item in most campaign budgets?***

***24. Who can contribute directly to a candidate running for a federal office?***

***Essay:***

***How fair and effective is the electoral process?***

***Does the current electoral process result in the best candidates for President?***

***Is the bureaucracy essential to good government***